



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Ogden



Captain Trish Tracy

Date: November 5, 2008

Ward 4 – Propane Leak – 8300 Block of E. Old Vail Road

October 19, 2008

Dispatch Time – 0747 (single alarm dispatch for medical alarm)

Full Alarm Dispatch Time - 0759

First Unit of Full Alarm – Arrival Time - 0811

An employee was near a 500 Gallon Propane Tank when a leak at "The Offshore Group" occurred. Approximately 50 employees were evacuated from the building and one female was transported to a hospital. Employees were advised to wait at the Safeway on the corner of Nexus and Valencia until building was safe to re-enter. Union Pacific shut down the railroad in both directions, and the building remained empty for approximately 1 hour. Ferrellgas arrived on scene and secured the leak at 0905. Air was monitored and the air readings detected safe levels.

Safety Message: Propane is heavier than air. It travels downhill and can remain in low-lying areas for hours. To prevent an explosion or fire the air must be closely monitored and all ignition sources must be eliminated. A spark (from shutting off utilities or from lighting a cigarette) can be enough to start a fire.